(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a sharp rise in exports of Steel Authority of India limited during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there has been a rise in export of other Public Sector Undertakings during the current year;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to take some measures to ensure further rise in exports by PSUs; and

(f) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Exports by Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) have shown substantial rise during the current year. Exports of SAIL during 1992-93 and 1993-94 were as follows —

(Quantity in '000 Tonnes)

Year	Mil Steel	Stainless Steel
1992-93	268.7	5.5
1993-94 (upto November '93)	463.7	4.0

(c) and (d) Export data of Public Sector Undertakings is not compiled separately by the Office of Directorate General of Commercial Inteligence and Statistics, Calcutta.

(e) and (f) It is the policy of the Government to take all possible measures to increase exports by all categories of exporters including the Public Sector Undertakings.

SUGGESTIONS BY FORMERS ON DUNKEL DRAFT

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2341. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have invited suggestions from the farmers on Dunkel Draft before its finalisation; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and the number of suggestions received from the farmers so far ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) Government, have considered the views of a wide cross section of society including representations from farmers' organizations on the Dunkel proposals. The representations from farmers' organizations generally contained criticism of the proposals on agriculture and suggested that Government should not accept them.

VISIT OF ISRAELI DELEGATION

2342. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 12 Member Israeli delegation visited India recently to explore the scope for joint ventures in the hi-tech electronics industry;

(b) if so, the outcome of their visit and

(c) the details of agreements signed by Government in this regard ?